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2017 Certification of Legal Notice Rates for Newspapers

This letter certifies that the newspaper listed above may collect a fee for publishing legal notices required by Wisconsin law. Certification requirements are reviewed and legal are updated annually pursuant Chapter 10 ELECTION DATES AND NOTICES and 985 PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES; PUBLIC NEWSPAPERS; FEES of the Wisconsin Statutes.

- Part One lists information currently on file about this newspaper
- Part Two addresses general legal/public notices
- Part Three covers election facsimile ballots
- Part Four contains general information about the certification process

Effective Dates

Unless otherwise updated and amended, this certification letter governs notices published on:
July 18, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Part 1 -- Newspaper Information

The information below will determine the rates/fee for this newspaper and is published on the Internet. Contact the Department of Administration IMMEDIATELY with changes to any of the information listed in this document:

Paid Circulation: 1,867
Circulation Adjust: 0%
Day(s) Published: W
County: Rock

Telephone: (608) 884-3367
Fax: (608) 884-8187
E-Mail: publisher@edgertonreporter.com
Parent Co.:

Part 2 -- General Legal Notices

Section 985.08 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides for publishing legal notices calculated on a per line basis:

Fees for publishing. (1) "The fee for publishing a legal notice shall be not more than the rate issued by the department of administration for the first and subsequent insertions per standard line. The charge for the publication of a facsimile ballot shall be computed as if the area occupied by the ballot were set in standard lines. If a legal notice contains tabulated matter, then the fees allowable for the area containing such matter shall be increased 50% of the standard line base rate without adjustment for circulation premium. Composed matter shall be interpreted as being tabular when it contains 2 or more justifications per line."

Your newspaper is certified for the fonts and column widths in the following list. Use the corresponding adjusted line rates to calculate fees.

Font(s)	Point Size	Alphabet Length	Column Width	Font Base	ADJUSTED RATES	
					First Insert	Subsqt Insert
Arial	8	100	8.68	0.4440	0.4440	0.3508
Arial	8	100	18.25	0.9341	0.9341	0.7379
Arial	8	100	27.94	1.4297	1.4297	1.1294
Arial	8	100	37.61	1.9250	1.9250	1.5207
Arial	8	100	47.29	2.4203	2.4203	1.9120
Arial	8	100	56.97	2.9156	2.9156	2.3032
Arial	8	100	66.75	3.4161	3.4161	2.6986
Arial	9	114	8.68	0.3895	0.3895	0.3077
Arial	9	114	18.25	0.8194	0.8194	0.6473
Arial	9	114	27.94	1.2541	1.2541	0.9907
Arial	9	114	37.61	1.6886	1.6886	1.3339
Arial	9	114	47.29	2.1231	2.1231	1.6772
Arial	9	114	56.97	2.5576	2.5576	2.0204
Arial	9	114	66.75	2.9966	2.9966	2.3672
Arial	10	126	8.68	0.3524	0.3524	0.2784
Arial	10	126	18.25	0.7414	0.7414	0.5856
Arial	10	126	27.94	1.1347	1.1347	0.8964
Arial	10	126	37.61	1.5278	1.5278	1.2069
Arial	10	126	47.29	1.9209	1.9209	1.5174
Arial	10	126	56.97	2.3140	2.3140	1.8280
Arial	10	126	66.75	2.7112	2.7112	2.1418
Arial Bold	8	110	8.68	0.4037	0.4037	0.3189
Arial Bold	8	110	18.25	0.8492	0.8492	0.6708
Arial Bold	8	110	27.94	1.2997	1.2997	1.0268
Arial Bold	8	110	37.61	1.7500	1.7500	1.3825
Arial Bold	8	110	47.29	2.2003	2.2003	1.7382
Arial Bold	8	110	56.97	2.6506	2.6506	2.0939
Arial Bold	8	110	66.75	3.1056	3.1056	2.4533
Arial Bold	9	124	8.68	0.3581	0.3581	0.2829
Arial Bold	9	124	18.25	0.7533	0.7533	0.5951
Arial Bold	9	124	27.94	1.1530	1.1530	0.9108
Arial Bold	9	124	37.61	1.5524	1.5524	1.2264
Arial Bold	9	124	47.29	1.9519	1.9519	1.5419
Arial Bold	9	124	56.97	2.3513	2.3513	1.8575
Arial Bold	9	124	66.75	2.7550	2.7550	2.1763
Arial Bold	10	138	8.68	0.3218	0.3218	0.2542
Arial Bold	10	138	18.25	0.6769	0.6769	0.5347
Arial Bold	10	138	27.94	1.0360	1.0360	0.8184
Arial Bold	10	138	37.61	1.3949	1.3949	1.1020
Arial Bold	10	138	47.29	1.7539	1.7539	1.3855
Arial Bold	10	138	56.97	2.1128	2.1128	1.6690
Arial Bold	10	138	66.75	2.4755	2.4755	1.9555

State law allows state agencies, municipalities, and any other units of government may place an order for public notices in a display or classified manner. Section 985.08(7), Wis. Stats., provides as follows:

“The discretion of utilizing the display method of publishing official materials shall be vested solely in the public authority ordering such publication and the rate charged for publication in this instance shall not exceed the regular commercial display advertising rate of the publisher.”

Part 3 -- Ballots

Fees for publishing ballots are calculated by area. The fee is charged as if the area occupied by the ballot were set in the standard line described in s. 985.08 (2)(a), Wis. Stats.

“All legal notices shall be in Arial type face. A standard line shall be 6–point Arial on a 6–point leading without spacing between the lines, and 11 picas in length. One inch equals 6 postscript pica and 72 postscript points. Nonstandard line lengths shall be allowed with adjustments in fees according to variations in line length.”

To calculate ballot rates use the current statute standard line rate of **\$0.7037** first insert and **\$0.5559** subsequent insertion, multiplying by 12 lines per inch, then dividing by 11 picas per column and applying the newspaper’s circulation adjustment.

Use the following worksheet to calculate fees for ballots:

- a) Measure the width of the ballot in picas (1 inch = 6 picas = 72 points): (a) _____
- b) Measure the height (single column) of the ballot in inches: (b) _____
- c) Multiply line (a) times line (b) equals: (c) _____
- d) Enter the appropriate adjusted facsimile ballot rate from the table below: (d) \$ _____

Range	Circulation Adjustment	Ballot Rate per line
First Insert:	\$0.7037	
8,0000 or less	0%	\$0.7677
8,001-12,000	15%	\$0.8828
12,001-16,000	30%	\$0.9980
16,001-20,000	45%	\$1.1131
20,001-24,000	60%	\$1.2283
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.3434
Subsequent Insert:	\$0.5559	
8,0000 or less	0%	\$0.6064
8,001-12,000	15%	\$0.6974
12,001-16,000	30%	\$0.7884
16,001-20,000	45%	\$0.8793
20,001-24,000	60%	\$0.9703
24,001 and up	75%	\$1.0613

- e) Multiply line (c) times line (d) = TOTAL \$ _____

Sample Ballots shall be published per the copy furnished by the county and municipal clerks. Introductory and descriptive text includes material which accompanies the ballot but which in itself is not part of the actual ballot. Fees for such are not calculated as facsimile ballots. Unless directed otherwise by the election official, this material should be published using the appropriate legal notice font and line rate from this certification.

s. 5.94 “Sample ballots; publication. When an electronic voting system employing a ballot that is distributed to electors is used, the county and municipal clerk of the county and municipality in which the polling place designated for use of the system is located shall cause to be published, in the type B notices, a true actual–size copy of the ballot containing the names of offices and candidates and statements of measures to be voted on, as nearly as possible, in the form in which they will appear on the official ballot on election day. The notice may be published as a newspaper insert. Municipal clerks may post the notice if the remainder of the type B notice is posted.”

SIZE: Election ballots may **not** be enlarged. If appropriate to provide a proper fit for a newspaper's standard column width, ballots may be reduced in size photographically. If reduced, the fee calculations are based on the area covered by the ballot as published, i.e., after it is reduced.

Chapter 10 of the Wisconsin Statutes provides the information necessary to publish election ballots in newspapers.

OPTICAL SCAN BALLOTS: These were developed after the requirements of Chapter 985 Wisconsin Statutes were established. Responsibility for readability lies with the county or municipality placing the notice.

Part 4 -- General Information

QUALIFICATIONS: Section 985.03, Wis. Stats., establishes the minimum requirements for a newspaper to be eligible to publish legal notices. See 985.03(1) for clarification of the following:

- a) Has been published regularly and continuously for 2 of the 5 preceding years in the city, village or town where published.
- b) Has had a bona fide paid circulation during the period in (a) above which constitutes 50% or more of its circulation.
- c) That has had actual subscribers at each publication of not less than 1,000 copies in 1st and 2nd class cities, or 300 copies if in 3rd and 4th class cities, villages or towns.
- d) Appears at regular intervals and at least once a week and contains reports of happenings of recent occurrence of a varied character, such as political, social, moral and religious subjects, designed to inform the general reader.

MEASUREMENTS: For purposes of this certification, 1 inch = 6 picas = 72 points.

RATES: Wisconsin Statutes establish the standard line rate for publication of legal notices and the annual adjustment procedure. The rates for each newspaper are calculated by adjusting for the font alphabet length, the newspaper's column width(s) and total paid circulation. (Please refer to s. 985.08(2)(a), Wis. Stats.)

INSERTION: Use first insert rates to calculate fees for the first date a notice or ballot is published. First insert rates include an allowance for preparatory work by the publisher. Use subsequent insert rates for repeat publications of the same notice or ballot, i.e., when no additional preparation is needed.

COPY: When electronic copy for the entire legal notice or substantial areas thereof is provided, eliminating typesetting, enlargements or reductions, or other changes by the newspaper, the maximum rate is the same as the maximum rate established under sub.(1) for subsequent insertions. (Please refer to s. 985.08 (2)(b), Wis. Stats.)

TEAR SHEETS: Upon request, a tear sheet proof of a multiple insertion notice shall be mailed to the advertiser or the advertiser's attorney within 72 hours after the first insertion, and an additional charge of \$1 for such tear sheet proof may be made. (Please refer to s. 985.08 (8), Wis. Stats.)

AFFIDAVITS: The fee for an affidavit of publication shall be \$1.00. (Please refer to s. 985.12(4), Wis. Stats.)

RENEWALS: Annually updated legal notice rate certification to newspapers who meet the statutory requirements. Newspapers need to contact the State Bureau of Procurement for any changes in address, font size, column width or any of the items listed in this certification. (Please refer to s. 985.08(1), Wis. Stats.)

Newspapers must contact the Department of Administration for any changes in public notice contact personnel, address, font sizes, column width and/or any of the items listed in this certification.

If you have any questions about this certification, please email me at: william2.goff@wisconsin.gov or you can call me at (608) 266-1002.

Sincerely,
Bill Goff
Newspaper Certification Program